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CAMBRIDGE CITY MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Randy Gellinger, 39, Cambridge City, Indiana, was sentenced to 120 months in prison late Friday, August 28, 2009, by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton. The sentence followed a guilty verdict in his July 15, 2009 trial for Possession of Child Pornography announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

In September, 2007, law enforcement agents conducted a search of Gellinger's home computer and discovered child pornography. In sentencing the defendant, Chief Judge Hamilton noted that evidence in the case included a video of a very young child choking and crying during the sexual exploitation. The Chief Judge said it was painful to have to watch and a powerful reminder for why these are one of the very worst crimes, with terrible long term effects on the victims. The statutory maximum for the offense was 10 years' imprisonment.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steve DeBrotta and Bradley P. Shepard, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed supervised release for life following Gellinger's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Gellinger must register as a sex offender for life.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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